

COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM
FY 2000 ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT

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I. Project Title: Coordinated Reservoir Operations

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III. Project Summary:

Project involves voluntary operational coordination of selected reservoirs in the Colorado River Basin upstream from the confluence of the Colorado and Gunnison Rivers. The goal is to enhance spring peak flows to improve endangered fish species habitat in the 15 Mile Reach of the Colorado without diminishing reservoir yields or affecting the timing of reservoir filling. Participating reservoirs in the past have included Green Mountain and Ruedi (Reclamation), Wolford Mountain (Colorado River Water Conservation District), Dillon and Williams Fork (Denver Water), and Willow Creek and Granby (Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District & Reclamation). FY 2000 was the fourth year of attempting to enhance spring peak flows in the 15 Mile Reach. Due to significantly lower than average runoff this year, participating reservoirs were not able to make coordinated releases to enhance peak flows. The project continues to seek improvement of the coordination process, public involvement, and participation of additional reservoirs.

See CAP 14 for annual report.